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Name cleared at last

Man receives official pardon after serving 21 years in prison for murder

By David Ferrara
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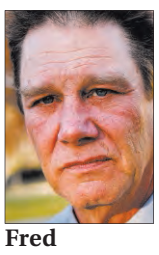
The Nevada Board of Pardons this week cleared a man who was wrongfully convicted of murder.

Fred Steese, now 54, spent more than 21 years in prison for a 1992 killing he did not commit, and the victim's sister was there to support him at a pardons' board meeting on Wednesday.


Fred Steese

"I'm a new man now," Steese said, exerting a momentary childlike giggle through his otherwise scratchy voice in a phone interview Friday. "It's lifted a black cloud over me."

He was on the road, working as a truck driver, the only job he could find after pleading guilty to second-degree murder in 2013 in order to gain his freedom. His agreement with prosecutors was entered under what's known in the legal world as an Alford decision, meaning he would not admit guilt but acknowledged that prosecutors had enough evidence to prove the charges against him.

Steese was prosecuted by now District Judges Bill Kephart and Doug Herndon and convicted in 1995 for the death of 56-year-old Gerard Soules, who ran a dog show at Circus Circus. Soules' throat was slashed and his naked body was found at

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Mary and Richard Berger talk about their son, Stephen Berger, a Route 91 Harvest festival shooting victim, inside their Brookefield, Wis., home a day before Stephen Berger's memorial Friday. "There's no way either of us could get through a eulogy," Richard Berger said Thursday.

Memorial finds room for laughter

Final known service for a festival shooting victim focuses on zest for life

By Rio Lacanlale
Las Vegas Review-Journal

WAUWATOSA, Wis. — No one could light up a room like Stevie B, his friends said, and the roar of laughter bouncing off the walls inside the white steeple church proved it Friday afternoon.

It was dark and gloomy outside as more than a hundred people filled the pews inside First Congregational Church of Wauwatosa to say goodbye one last time to Stephen Richard Berger.

But despite the miserable weather outside, the photo of Berger looking outward with his trademark infectious smile seemed to help ease the pain of family and friends gathered inside.

"Just after 10 in the evening on Oct.

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Stephen Richard Berger

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■ Some Mandalay Bay employees say their schedules have been cut in the wake of the Oct. 1 shooting.
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■ Pedestrian access outside the Route 91 Harvest music festival site has been restored.
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Iraq veteran showed true colors on Oct. 1

By Natalie Bruzda
Las Vegas Review-Journal

The courtyard pulsed with the excitement of a three-day weekend.

Students scuffled about, grabbing items from lockers and stuffing them into book bags, smiles spreading across faces.

As they spilled out the front entrance of the elementary school, the buses, lined up in an orderly fashion, waited for them.

"Thanks for sticking up for me today, Mr. Donohue," one child shouted over the end-of-the-day melee, sharing a look of camaraderie with his new friend.

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Veterans Village

Center to prevent homelessness opening its doors Saturday.
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Colin Donohue in his Ullom Elementary School classroom.